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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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TAGS: OREP (OBERSTAR, JAMES)

SUBJECT: CODEL OBERSTAR

1. CONGRESSMAN JAMES OBERSTAR, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, PLANS PRIVATE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST MARCH 23 THROUGH APRIL 2. OBERSTAR IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND HAS A DEEP INTEREST IN TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS TO BE VISITED. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED ITINERARY THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH OBERSTAR TO MEET WITH SOME OF HIS INTERESTS IN THE POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL FIELDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO HIM. EMBASSY PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS WILL BE WELCOMED. REQUEST EMBASSY GIVE US INDICATION OF COSTS OF HOTELS, AND AUTOMOBILE RENTALS WHERE APPROPRIATE. UPON RECEIPT OF PROGRAMMING  
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SUGGESTIONS AND COSTING DATA, WILL PROVIDE PRECISE ITINERARY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23: EVENING - LEAVE FOR MIDDLE EAST.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24: EARLY AFTERNOON - ARRIVE TEL AVIV.  
BE MET AT AIRPORT. BRIEFING BY AMERICAN EMBASSY IN

AFTERNOON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25: GO NORTH TO LOOK AT ISRAELI WATER WORKS AND HOPEFULLY YARMUK RIVER AND MAQARIN DAM (ISRAELI SIDE). STOPS IN CEASARIA AND HAIFA ON WAY NORTH AND NAZARETH ON RETURN. RETURN TO TEL AVIV. OVERNIGHT IN TEL AVIV.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26: DISCUSSION OF WATER DEVELOPMENT WITH GOI OFFICIALS IN TEL AVIV AND BRIEFING BY WEIZMAN, MINISTER OF DEFENSE. PROCEED TO JERUSALEM FOR OTHER MEETINGS. AFTERNOON YAD VASHIM, MEMORIAL TO VICTIMS OF NAZIS. OVERNIGHT IN JERUSALEM. VISIT KIBBUTZ ENROUTE.

MONDAY, MARCH 27: MEETING WITH ISRAELI LEADERS IN JERUSALEM, INCLUDING BEGIN, DAYAN, YADIN AND OTHERS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28: TOUR OLD CITY. MEET WITH AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL AND WEST BANK LEADERS. PERHAPS VISIT BETHLEHEM AND/OR RAMALLAH.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29: MORNING DEPART EARLY FOR JORDAN VIA ALLENBY BRIDGE. BE MET BY AMERICAN EMBASSY AND USAID FROM AMMAN. TRAVEL UP EAST GHOR TO MAQARIN DAM SITE AND THEN RETURN TO AMMAN (BY WAY OF JARASH, IF POSSIBLE). LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING MEET WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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PERHAPS KING HUSSEIN AND GOJ DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30: FLY TO CAIRO. MET BY EMBASSY FOR BRIEFING. VISIT CAIRO MUSEUM, PYRAMIDS OF GIZAH. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KASSOUNI AND/OR OTHER ECONOMIC MINISTERS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: ALL DAY DRIVE TO SUEZ CANAL, SINAI FIELD MISSION AND RETURN.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1: DEPART CAIRO FOR ROME. CONG. OBERSTAR HAS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE. IF NOT, WHAT OTHER PROGRAMMING AT VATICAN MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE?

SUNDAY, APRIL 2: DEPART ROME FOR WASHINGTON. VANCE

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